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Mr. Neil E. Thompson  
US EPA Region X  
1200 Sixth Avenue – ECL-113  
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: August 2006 Monthly  
Report

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter serves as the monthly progress report for August 2006, in accordance with Section X, Paragraph 29 of the RD/RA Consent Decree for the Tronox site, in Soda Springs, Idaho.

August Activities

The closed facilities were inspected in August. The fenced enclosures surrounding the cap and landfill facilities were inspected and are in good condition. The gates are closed and locked. The landfill was not pumped because it was pumped completely dry in June, and the recovery rate in the sump is now quite low.

The 10-acre pond currently contains approximately 8.5 inches of water, measured at the south end of the pond. Tronox terminated the forced evaporation program in the 10-acre pond during August because the water became too saturated with salt to continue pumping. Tronox is investigating the effects of heating the 10-acre pond water to accelerate evaporation of the brine in anticipation of closing the pond.

Results from the May 2006 sampling event were reviewed, and the data appended to the RD/RA database following data validation. Work on the May 2006 validation report was initiated in August.

The alignment and sizing of a snow fence for the 10-acre pond was estimated based on meteorological data obtained at Tigert Airport in Soda Springs, Idaho. A snow fence design was completed based on this analysis.

September/October Activities

During the months of September and October, Tronox will continue monitoring of the cap, landfill and the 10-acre pond. Evaporation pan data and precipitation collected for assessment of evaporation rates and salinity will be evaluated as part of the 10-acre



pond closure effort. Tronox will measure the water level in the landfill sump in September and pump water from the sump to a nearby concrete holding basin as necessary.

Alignment of the snow fence design was staked in the field during the first week in September. During September and October, Tronox intends to bid out the installation of a snow fence to the south and east of the 10-acre pond to reduce the potential for deposition of snow drifting into the pond during the winter months.

During October, the May 2006 data validation report will be forwarded to you with the updated database on disk. Work will commence on the annual comprehensive report of ground and surface water quality in October following review and evaluation of the recent data in combination with historic data. The second round of ground and surface water sampling will also be completed in October.

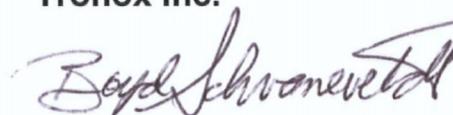
No community relation activities are planned for this period.

#### Problems or Delays

No delays are expected.

If you have any questions about the work or additional information is required with regards to the work described above, please contact me at (208) 547-3331, extension 230.

Sincerely,  
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